

## Canberra City Farm: PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	21 February 2016	
<b>Location:</b>	Turner Garden	
<b>Time meeting commenced:</b>	1.26pm	
<b>People present:</b>	Danny O'Brien Kerry Wright Cindy Steensby Jodie Pipkorn Fiona Tito-Wheatland Galina Sanderson Arian McVeigh	Walter Steensby Linda Ayliffe Mark Spain Keith Colls Vesna Stojanovska Alec Thornton Melissa Fellows
<b>Apologies:</b>		
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Jodie Pipkorn	
<b>Proxies:</b>		



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### Matters/Actions Arising from the previous Meeting

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
1. MARK and Stefanie to engage with Questacon people and progress human cut-out to idea.	Underway. Plywood and design.
2. JODIE to speak to Seniors Centre and Childcare and ask: What's important with the work you are doing and how could the Canberra City Farm help you? What gifts do you have that you would like to contribute to making the Canberra City Farm work?	COMPLETE. Meeting happening this Thursday.
3. VESNA to speak to Country Women's Association and ask: What's important with the work you are doing and how could the Canberra City Farm help you? What gifts do you have that you would like to contribute to making the Canberra City Farm work?	
4. VESNA to do letterbox drop before March workshop.	
5. DANNY to draft a site safety briefing document for Dairy Road.	
6. CINDY to send email for expressions of interest for preserving workshops.	COMPLETE
7. JODIE, CAROLE, BAIHUA, GALINA and MELLIA to meet to organise the March Turner Garden event.	COMPLETE

### Agenda Items

*Check in – name and something that excites you about Canberra City Farm.*

- Smoothie machine was a hit. BIG thanks Linda and Cindy.
- Moving into new phase with Enterprises setting up at Dairy Road – experiment.
- Picked 20kg of grapes at Dairy Road. Beautiful tasting.
- Workshops firing along at Dairy Road.
- High school students did a visit.
- Great to see so much moving.
- Fruit collection at the farm has been wonderful and to work together and gather fruit processing and seeing the sunset was wonderful.
- Seed saving workshop at Arian's yesterday was wonderful. Was informal and around 8 people, with someone from ANU doing a project on seed saving groups.

- Preserving is happening and some plum sauces have been made. The fruit is of a high standard. Edible flowers and an enterprise around edible flowers. Lots of cafes and restaurants want them, so there is a demand and we just need to figure out how to do it.
- Creating a new culture and a community of cooperation.
- Shiraz picking was fun and social aspect was really good.
- Fun having a blender at the stall.
- Excited about getting more involved about CCF and last year UNSW had students come to Dairy Road and Alec keen to get their hands dirty.

#### *Turner Garden Update:*

- Design and Construction Group:
  - Bubbling along. Pizza oven still holding together.
- Propagation Group:
  - Harvesting seed.
  - Pulling up old plants.
- Education Group:
  - Trying to get preserving workshops at Lyneham Primary School. Initially informal. Aim is to have a workshop before the Harvest Festival, possibly 6 March, so something to sell.
  - Keith has organised a series of workshops run over 12 months over all seasons. This is for people with limited gardening experience and month by month there will be a workshop. Last Sunday of the month except for public holidays. 3 April it is starting. What we need at Fyshwick is a huge number of volunteers and those who volunteer to work at the tasks will get the workshop for free. They will learn how to mark out gardens and progress the demonstration gardens at Dairy Road. How to monitor the time needs to be thought about. And they will help Linda with pruning/grafting.
- People and Fun Group:
  - 20 March event. Psalm Sunday refugee event is from 1-3pm so it was agreed the event would move to be from 4-6pm.
- Marketing and Sponsorship Group:
  - City Weekly article due out this coming week.
  - Harvest festival. Arian can do the coordination – Slow Food and City Farm and SEE-Change can collaborate on the stall. Danny and Linda happy to help. Things we can sell: seeds, preserves, fresh cut herbs, smoothies, along with giving out information.
  - Photos of achievement of the Turner site would be good, particularly if we are thinking the site may be packed up. Galina noted she could get some photos/video.

#### *Dairy Road:*

- Working bees:
  - Picking of grapes took place and all enjoyed it.
  - Now we have access to the toilets. There is a key safe there with the same password and there is a key to the toilets in the key safe. If you open them please lock them again. We are talking with rangers about logistics around restocking the toilet paper, etc. We are also going to put the first aid in the shower room within the toilet building.
  - Clyde's been clearing the rat poo in the shed. He there are lots of snag hazards and it is not well lit, so be careful and go slow if you are visiting it.
  - There will be a component of CCF looking after the toilets in collaboration with Bee Keepers Association and the Rangers. A roster will need to be set. It was noted CCF should consider getting toilet paper from 'who gives a crap'.
  - Add cleaning products to the shower room.



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- EOI process:
  - Next Sunday.
- Master Plan discussion
  - Refer to master plan.
- History tour:
  - Jodie has organised a tour with the people who designed the Dairy Road site for the 1 March. Linda is interested.
- Tractor: We have been contacted by those assessing the grant and have had to provide them with additional information. We are still in the running for it.
- Ikea: They approached CCF about setting up a garden next to the car park. As we do not have the capacity, we are looking to see if an Enterprise next weekend is interested in taking it on.
- Disability students: CCF have been approached by a Woden school who works with disabled children to run workshops at Dairy Road. Keith is following this up.
- Local Press Café, Kingston Foreshore: Linda met with the head chef and manager. They have lots of compost and we could use it in a big worm farm made out of an IBC.



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#### *Policy of food sharing*

- We need to reflect on how we food share – people come, food share, etc.
- We need to make a deliberate sharing of food on site as part of the working bees. That is the joy of being there. We need someone who coordinates the morning tea process and we consciously stop and sit.
- At Northey Street they have the food from site taken away and value added (made into jam or a cake) and then shared at the next event, or the food is eaten on site.
- From experience, looking after the place becomes too much like work without the enjoyment of sharing – if you come you get to eat and enjoy.
- If you value add and collect the plums, then you get to keep a bit and share the rest. This is a good way to save damaged fruit.
- We need to tie this to other volunteer coordination. Arian is keen to join the Committee.
- We need a volunteer coordinator – put in as an Enterprise.
- Everyone agreed to this approach.

#### *Vandalism discussion*

- Pumpkins have been taken and cigarette butts indicate people have been hanging around.
- Everyone should be aware that it could happen.

#### *Other business*

- NIL

#### *Actions:*

- JODIE chase work for dole – noting 12 month growing all seasons workshops.
- DANNY to put in application for Harvest Festival.
- JODIE organise roster for Harvest Festival.
- GALINA to photograph and film Turner Garden for history if it doesn't continue.
- JODIE to see about filming volunteers.
- DANNY to write up policy of food sharing.
- JODIE to get COGS member and tell about change of time for March workshop.
- JODIE to email Galina, Vesna and Alec about map for flyer drops.

**Next meeting date: Sunday 20 March 2016.**

**Time meeting closed: 2.40pm.**